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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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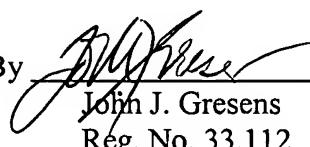
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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 3,965,860	June 1976	CONE et al.			
	US 4,420,510	Dec. 1983	KUNKEL et al.			
	US 4,470,789	Sept. 1984	WHITTINGTON et al.			
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